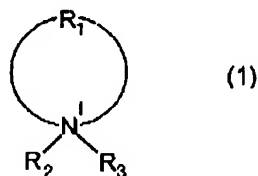


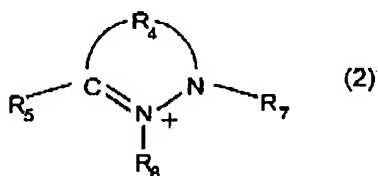
**Claim Amendments:**

1. (amended) A moderately resistive rubber composition comprising an unvulcanized rubber base and at least one ionic liquid contained in the rubber base, the ionic liquid serving as an electrically conductive material and being a molten salt which is in liquid form at ambient temperature.

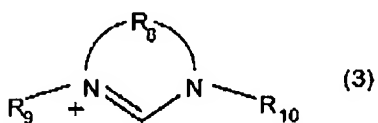
2. (original) The moderately resistive rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the ionic liquid contains a cationic species selected from the group consisting of cationic species represented by the following formulas (1) through (4):



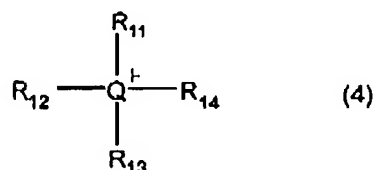
(wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents a C4-C10 hydrocarbon group; each of R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, or a C1-C8 alkyl group; which R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> or R<sub>3</sub> may contain a hetero atom; and, when the nitrogen atom has a double bond, R<sub>3</sub> is absent);



(wherein R<sub>4</sub> represents a C2-C10 hydrocarbon group, and each of R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, and R<sub>7</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, or a C1-C8 alkyl group, which R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub> or R<sub>7</sub> may contain a hetero atom);



(wherein  $R_8$  represents a C2-C10 hydrocarbon group, and each of  $R_9$  and  $R_{10}$  represents a hydrogen atom, or a C1-C8 alkyl group, which  $R_8$ ,  $R_9$ , or  $R_{10}$  may contain a hetero atom); and



(wherein Q represents a nitrogen atom, a phosphorus atom, or a sulfur atom; each of  $R_{11}$ ,  $R_{12}$ ,  $R_{13}$ , and  $R_{14}$  represents a hydrogen atom, or a C1-C8 alkyl group, which  $R_{11}$ ,  $R_{12}$ ,  $R_{13}$  or  $R_{14}$  may contain a hetero atom; and, when Q is a sulfur atom,  $R_{11}$  is absent).

3. (original) The moderately resistive rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the ionic liquid contains an anionic species selected from among  $AlCl_4^-$ ,  $Al_2Cl_7^-$ ,  $NO_3^-$ ,  $BF_4^-$ ,  $PF_6^-$ ,  $CH_3COO^-$ ,  $CF_3COO^-$ ,  $CF_3SO_3^-$ ,  $(CF_3SO_2)_2N^-$ ,  $(CF_3SO_2)_3C^-$ ,  $AsF_6^-$ ,  $SbF_6^-$ ,  $F(HF)_n^-$ ,  $CF_3CF_2CF_2CF_2SO_3^-$ ,  $(CF_3CF_2SO_2)_2N^-$ , and  $CF_3CF_2CF_2COO^-$ .

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The moderately resistive rubber composition according to claim 1, which has a volume resistivity of  $1 \times 10^3$  to  $1 \times 10^9 \Omega \cdot cm$ .

6. (original) A moderately resistive rubber member comprising a rubber-like elastic material formed through vulcanization of a moderately resistive rubber composition as recited in any one of claims 1 through 3 or 5.